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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Machinists and boiler-makers in railroad shops at Fernandina, Fla., have struck for higher wages. —— Inhabitants of the besieged town of Mafeking are suffering; many children are dying; the hospitals are crowded. —— Fire at Lead, S. D., caused losses estimated at $500,000. —— Mrs. Belle Graddick, a handsome young woman, is in jail in Columbia, S. C., charged with poisoning her husband. —— Receipts of cotton this year up to the close of February are 1,754,524 bales less than receipts for the same time last year. —— Great demonstration in London, Eng., in celebration of the recent victory in South Africa. —— New York markets: Money on call steady, actual transactions at 2@3½ per cent., the last loan being at 2 per cent.; cotton dull, middling uplands 9½; flour firmer but rather quiet; wheat—spot strong, No. 2 red 76½c.; corn—spot firm, No. 2, 42c.; spirits turpentine quiet; rosin quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., March 8.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 45 degrees; 8 P. M., 42 degrees; maximum, 48 degrees; minimum, 42 degrees; mean, 45 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .05; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, .39 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—For North Carolina—Warmer and generally fair Friday. Saturday fair; diminishing easterly winds.

Port Almanac--March 9.

Sun Rises	6 20 A. M.
Sun Sets	6.02 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 42 M.
High Water at Southport.	2.30 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington.	5.00 A. M.

The latest kink in shoe building is an invention of a Vienna shoemaker, who inserts a little electrical apparatus in the heel, which keeps the foot warm and dry in the coldest or slushiest weather.

There are now about 200,000 Fins in this country, most of them in the Northwest. It is thought that 50,000 or 60,000 more will come this year. They are a good, law-abiding and industrious people.

A Belgian engineer has constructed a car locomotive driven by electricity, with which he says he can bowl along at the rate of 150 miles an hour. It is so constructed as to make the least possible resistance to the air.

The Chinese have unlimited supplies of coal but they have never discovered any use for a stove or any other apparatus to burn it, and warm their houses, although in a large area of the country the winters are severe.

Miss Horton, of Elmira, N. Y., who was employed as a stenographer at $8 a week, struck on the idea of pepsin chewing gum, which took and is said to have brought her in about $3,000,000. A few days ago she wedded a ladies' tailor, who will in all probability now retire from the tailoring business.

Court House Tiling.

Mr. Jordan W. Branch, janitor at the court house, who was severely bruised and "shaken up" by the accident incident to a collapse of the floor tiling in the Princess street entrance to the court house Wednesday afternoon, was able, by the use of a cane, to be about his duties yesterday. Workmen were engaged yesterday in repairing the damage to the entrance, and it is probable that repairs will also be made to the supports of the floor tiling in the main hallways of the building, which are believed to be defective also in places. Col. Moore and several others of the Board of County Commissioners made a casual examination of the floor yesterday afternoon with a view to having the work done.

Death of Jno. H. Smith.

Mr. Jno. H. Smith, one of the oldest citizens of Wilmington, died yesterday afternoon at 3 30 o'clock at his home, No. 217 South Second street, in the 79th year of his age. Mr. Smith had been blind and an invalid for a number of years. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Strickland, with whom he lived, and a brother, Mr. P. H. Smith, formerly of Wilmington, but now of Richmond, Va. He was a brother of the late Mr. D. A. Smith, who was for a number of years a well known furniture dealer of this city, and has a nnmber of relatives residing on the Sound.

The funeral will be from St. Paul's Episcopal Church this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The place of interment has not yet been decided upon.

Sunday School Works.

The public is asked not to forget the conference of the Sunday School Teachers and Superintendents at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium this evening. The programme is one of very great interest to those engaged in the work and it is hoped that the weather conditions will admit of a very large attendance.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Clyde steamship *Oneida*, Capt. Staples, was in port yesterday and cleared for her regular Georgetown trip last evening.

— There will be work in the Master's degree at to-night's meeting of St. John's Lodge of Masons in the new Masonic Temple.

— The schooner *George W. Whitford*, Capt. Decker, cleared yesterday for New York with a cargo of lumber from the Cape Fear Lumber Co.

— There was nothing doing in the local naval stores and cotton markets yesterday except in tar which was quoted steady at $1.20 per barrel.

— The steamer *Driver* arrived in port yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock and will clear at noon to-day for the return trip. The *Seabright* is also in port and will clear this afternoon.

— The wharf of the steamer *Wilmington*, at foot of Market street, has been substantially repaired and new fencing is being constructed around it.

— Eyota Tribe No. 5, Improved Order of Red Men, will scalp nineteen pale faces, which have been captured in the forest, at the regular kindling of the camp fires to-night.

— J. C. Wells, the white man who created a disturbance Wednesday afternoon at the Delgado Mills, was fined $3 and required to pay the costs in the case by Justice McGowan yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

— The meeting of the City Board of Audit and Finance appointed to have been held last night was postponed until to night on account of the illness of Mr. Yates and the absence of Mr. McNair from the city.

— Contractor Kirkham is fast getting the new bell tower for the fire alarm system in shape. The big bell was hoisted to its position yesterday afternoon and there now remains but little to do to complete the job.

— The entertainment given Wednesday night by the Boston Star Concert Company of this city, at Newbern was spoken of in the highest terms by the *Journal* of yesterday. The company entertained at Kinston last night.

— Owing to the sudden and serious illness of Mrs. M. C. Harriss, the venerable grand mother of Mrs. H. O. Craig, the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Craig has been abandoned.

— Capt. O. C. Welt and crew, of the lost schooner *Isaiah Hart*, reference to which was made in yesterday's STAR, will leave this morning via the A. C. L. train for Norfolk, from whence they will go by steamer to New York.

— Policeman G. H. Ward yesterday afternoon arrested Edward Perry, an obstreperous negro youth, who was creating a disturbance by loud and boisterous language at corner of Sixth and Campbell streets. He will be tried this morning.

— Mr. James T. Munds, Purser, gives official notice of the annual meeting of the Carolina Yacht Club in the city court room on Monday evening, March 19th, at 8 o'clock. Election of officers for the ensuing year will be made and other important business transacted.

— It turns out that John Smith, alias "Redmond," the white tramp arrested for the larceny of brass metal from the A. C. L., at Castle Haynes, is demented. The case was called in Justice Fowler's court yesterday and continued. It is not believed that the railroad authorities will push the prosecution.

— A telephone message to the City Hall late yesterday afternoon announced that a party of young white men were creating a disturbance in the Klondike beer saloon by attempting to fight. Officer Woebse, who was dispatched to the scene, found that the belligerents had dispersed when he arrived upon the scene.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Major's Cement—Notice.
T. D. Love—Elgin butter.
J. W. Murchison & Co.—Is it?
Meeting—Carolina Yacht Club.
S. H. MacRae—Bankrupt notice.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—I have them.
Masonic—Meeting St. John's Lodge.
Atlantic National Bank—We want your business.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Star Studio—Photograph hints.

THE FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.

Meeting of Business Men in City Court Room Wednesday Night.

There will probably be no more important State meeting this year than the State Firemen's Tournament, which will be held in Wilmington in July or August next, and already preparations are on foot for the event. To formulate plans and begin more active work there will be a meeting of the business men and others interested in the City Court room on Wednesday night, and it is earnestly requested by Chief Schnibben, of the local department, that there will be a very large attendance.

The meeting will be presided over by Mayor Waddell, and it is especially desirous that all members of the old volunteer department shall be present, as upon them, in a large measure, depends the success or failure of the movement.

A Card.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination of State Senator from the counties of New Hanover and Brunswick; subject to the will of the Democratic Primaries.

Respectfully,
† tf GEO. L. MORTON.

IN ANNUAL SESSION.

Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Met Yesterday Afternoon at 3 30 O'clock.

OFFICERS' REPORTS RECEIVED

Several Interesting Communications Considered--Upper Cape Fear River Improvements — More Factories Wanted—Other Matters.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in its rooms in the Seaboard Air Line building, the most noteworthy feature of the session being the hearing of the annual reports of officers and the consideration of several routine matters of no very general interest. Owing to the very slim attendance upon the meeting by reason of the uninviting weather, the election of officers was postponed to a meeting which President Worth has called for next Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, when it is earnestly desired there will be a goodly number of the members present.

President Worth called the meeting to order and under the head of reports, Col. Jno. L. Cantwell, the efficient secretary and treasurer, submitted his annual statement duly approved by the auditing committee, which was approved and ordered on file. That part of the same which has to do with the finances of the institution shows a cash balance on hand at the close of the fiscal year of $368.34, with a small incidental outstanding indebtedness and unpaid dues to the amount of $27.50.

There are now 87 active members of the Chamber, 4 non-resident members, 5 honorary and 9 exempt members, making a total of 105.

President Worth's Annual Report.

After the hearing and adoption of the secretary's statement, Mr. R. W. Hicks was called to the chair and President Worth read the following comprehensive report, which was unanimously adopted and ordered spread on the minutes:

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 8th, 1900.

GENTLEMEN—While no one will deny that the general business of the country for the past year has been of enormous proportions, and the reports from every side—unexampled prosperity—we as a city, are not without cause for congratulation. Not a failure of any magnitude has taken place here within the year, while many and valuable additions have been acquired. The firm, honest, and business like government, following upon the weak, incompetent and corrupt one of 1898, has filled us all with new hope, courage, and concerted endeavor, resulting in a year of unparalleled prosperity.

While this Chamber cannot lay claim to the inauguration of many new features or enterprises, within the last year, yet I cannot help but feel that our coming together, exchanging ideas, discussing measures and events of general interest, has had a cohesive effect—causing us to feel, more than ever, that the interests of the city, are our interests. We have plainly shown, by our works, what can be accomplished by concerted action. I heard the other day of a negro giving his experience in praying: He said, when he prayed to the Lord to send him a chicken, he never got it—but when he prayed the Lord to help him go get a chicken, that he got the chicken every time. I feel that it is very much the same way with us, we can get what we are after when we are determined to get it. Whatever good we may have accomplished are matters of record.

I thank you, one and all, for the courteous and kindly consideration shown me, and beg to assure you that any mistakes I have made have been of the head, and not of the heart.

The Secretary's report will inform you as to the financial conditions of the Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM E. WORTH.

Shirt and Collar Factory.

Before the formal opening of the Chamber, Mr. Worth read a letter from a gentleman in Troy, N. Y., of twenty years' experience in the manufacture of shirts and collars, proposing to Mr. Robert R. Bellamy, to whom the letter was addressed, the practicability of organizing a stock company in Wilmington for the manufacture of these goods. The communication outlines the advantages of the South in the way of wages, climate, health, etc., for manufacturing plants, and cites the very large profits made by factories of this kind in the North, handicapped as they are by the serious drawbacks that have already driven manufacturing capital this way. As an illustration of the profits cited, the gentleman in Troy writes that the cost of production of these goods aggregates about one third for the material and two thirds for labor and expenses. For instance, a collar that would sell to the trade at $1.00 would cost for material from 25 to 30 cents per dozen, and for labor and expenses about 50 cents, making all told about 80 cents.

He suggests the establishment of a factory by a company with a capital stock of $25,000 or $50,000; commencing business with $20,000 or $25,000 and drawing on stockholders for balance as occasion would demand. The gentleman who wrote stated that he would take a position as manager or superintendent of such a business at a small reasonable salary and a per cent of the profits to be paid in stock in the company.

The proposition was favorably received and commended by President Worth to the consideration of members of the Chamber.

Encampment and Teachers' Assembly.

A letter was read to those present at the meeting from Col. Francis A. Macon, Quartermaster General of the State Guard, asking about Wilmington and Wrightsville as a place for the encampment of the troops next season. It was decided by the Chamber to use all possible endeavor to have Col. Macon bring the guard here next Summer, and to this end, upon motion of Mr. Marcus W. Jacobi, the president was requested to address him a communication asking him to visit Wilmington and look into the situation here. Col. W. A. Johnson, of the Second Regiment, State Guard, who was present at the meeting, spoke of the very unsatisfactory encampment at Morehead last Summer and stated that he knew Wrightsville was the choice of the companies comprising his regiment at least. Capt. T. D. Meares, Mr. J. Allen Taylor and others spoke of Wilmington's easy access by railroad to the various companies, and voiced the sentiment of the meeting by saying that by all means the encampment should be held here.

The matter of the Teachers' Assembly meeting was brought up by Mr. Jacobi, chairman of the committee to arrange for the meeting here, and was discussed at length. Mr. Jacobi said last night after the meeting that he was very much encouraged with the prospects for accommodating the crowd. Accommodation at the hotels and boarding places has been secured for about 700 of the visitors, but there are yet as many more to be cared for. He urgently asks that all those who can provide for any number of guests on this occasion to hand in their names and other information to him this morning, as a reply will have to be sent to Superintendent Mebane this afternoon.

Cape Fear River Improvement.

Major E. W. Van C. Lucas, engineer in charge of the U. S. Engineers office in this city, was present at the meeting and stated that he had a few days ago by invitation of the Chamber of Commerce of Fayetteville addressed that body upon the subject of the Cape Fear river improvement, above Wilmington, for which a substantial appropriation is wanted from the next session of Congress. He further stated that the Fayetteville business men were especially desirous of having the hearty co-operation of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce in their efforts in this direction, but unfortunately up to the present, through an erroneous impression received by Wilmington business men that any dredging or canalization in the stream above Wilmington would work to the detriment of the stream, this had been denied the Fayetteville Chamber, when in realty the contemplated improvement would inure to Wilmington's benefit, as under the plan considered by the Fayetteville people it is desired to have a uniform depth in the channel at all times of from four to six feet and not a straightening of the course, which naturally would serve to lower the water depth, as by this procedure the incline which is now twenty feet, would be increased serving to empty the water faster into the ocean.

The idea suggested to the Fayetteville Chamber by Maj. Lucas, is to ask Congress to authorize a board of survey to determine upon the needed improvement to the river and upon the result of such a survey to present to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, a petition asking for an amount to carry out the plans suggested by the survey. Upon motion, it was decided that the Secretary should address a communication to the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce apprising them of the erroneous impression of the character of the work wanted and assuring them in the future of a most hearty co operation.

President Worth Commended.

Just before an adjournment was voted, Capt. T. D. Meares took occasion to warmly commend Mr. Worth for his untiring and unselfish efforts in promotion of the welfare of the Chamber of Commerce during the past year as president and urging upon him to allow his name to be presented to the meeting next Tuesday for re election, which, however, Mr. Worth declined in a pleasing speech of reply. Upon motion, a vote of thanks was tendered him for his very efficient service in the capacity mentioned.

The Chamber endorsed the action of the Merchants' Association in passing resolutions urging our representatives in Congress to vote for the bill authorizing an appropriation for the Philadelphia Museum exhibit.

Mr. Bellamy's Favor.

Referring to the hearing of the Bellamy-Dockery case in Washington the *Post* of yesterday says:

"There is said to be some prospect of a committee report in favor of Mr. Bellamy, as the argument has brought out the fact that the committee can throw out all of the votes in New Hanover and Richmond counties about which there is any reasonable dispute, and still find a safe majority for the sitting member. Mr. Bellamy's majority, as was returned, was 5,839. The charges about the shooting of negroes relate to events subsequent to the election. Two negroes were killed pror to the election, one in a bar-room fight and one for reasons political or otherwise, which are hardly plain, although they are not connected with Mr. Bellamy's campaign. The presentation of these matters was made in a very emphatic and able manner by Mr. Bellamy's attorney.

IREDELL MEARES FOR STATE SENATOR

The friends of Mr. Iredell Meares present his name to the Democratic primary for the nomination for State Senator from this district. Mr. Meares has been true to his party, true to his community, and in public and private life, has given freely of his time and talents to advance the best interests of this community.

He has been an active party worker for years, and worked untiringly in the last campaign, serving the party and the cause of New Hanover by day and by night, and merits the compliment of a handsome majority at the hands of the people.

He is eminently fitted to represent this district, and would in the Senate reflect credit upon this city, county and State.

† tf DEMOCRATS.

SUPERIOR COURT JURORS.

Drawn for Term Which Will Be Convened April 16th--County Treasurer Green's Monthly Report.

At a called meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held yesterday afternoon at which Col. Roger Moore, the chairman, presided, and Messrs. D. McEachern and Gabriel Holmes were present, the following jurors were drawn for the term of New Hanover Superior Court, which will be convened by Judge George H. Brown, Jr., on Monday, April 16th.

First Week—J. W. Dixon, H. J. Bierman, Henry B. Jewett, James Berg, Thos E. Davis, J. B. Fales, Thad F. Tyler, Geo. J. Beach, B A. Merritt, Rudolf Harts, Wm. McD. Evans, J. W. Humphrey, R. F. Hamme, Sol Bear, M. J. Corbett, L B. McKenzie, A. M. Pate, C. H. Casteen.

Second Week—J. H. Risley, Owen Martindale, W. L. Bissenger, Chas. VonGlahn, D. W. Stevens, J. D. Garrison, Walter S. Craig, C. O. Parker, Jr., W. R Bonham, Jno. L. Corbett, Sol J. Jones, J. M. Kermon, Jno. H. Hanby, F. H. Fechtig, W. J. Warren, O. F. Corbett, Furney J. Gooding, B. J. King.

After the meeting of the regular board, a session of the finance committee was held at which bills for current expenses were examined and approved.

The monthly statement of Mr. H. McL. Green, County Treasurer, for the month of February, has been prepared and presented to the committee as follows:

Receipts—Balance from January account $8,080; collected during the month, $4.409.40. Total $12,489 40.

Disbursements—On general fund account, $56 25; county home, 262 84; public building, $237.94; city hospital, $350; superior court, 160.65; criminal court, $45 10; jail, $99 10; out door poor, $362 55; stationery and advertising, $55 78; roads and bridges, $406 20; attorney, $35; register of deeds, $31 49; coroner, $25; superintendent of health, $75 63; commissioners, $65 60; clerk, $50; janitor, $45, treasurer's commissions, $80.12. Total, $2,344 24 The balance on hand is $10,145 16.

The account with the special fund for the month shows balance on hand $1,910.43; collections during the month, $867 05. Total, $2,777 48. The disbursements consisted of $10 84 in treasurer's commissions, leaving a balance on hand of $2,766 64

THE ELK COMPANY.

Officers Named for the New Corporation. Wilmington Lodge No. 532 Held Interesting Session Last Night.

Officers for the new Elk Company, the corporation which proposes to build the splendid Elks' Home on North Front street, extended reference to which has been made in these columns, were chosen at a recent meeting as follows:

President—Mr. H. J. Gerken.
Vice President—Mr. T. E. Wallace.
Sec. and Treas.—Mr. T. H. Wright.
Directors—Messrs, H. J. Gerken, L. Stein, W. J. Johnson, W. A. French, Jr., Thos. H. Wright, T. E. Wallace and Dr. A. H. Harriss.

At the regular meeting last night of Wilmington Lodge No. 532, B. P. O. E., Mr. T. W. Davis was initiated into the mysteries of the order, several new members were elected to membership and quite a large number of applications were placed on file.

BASKET BALL CONTEST.

Interesting Game at the Y. M. C. A. Last Night--Spread of Refreshments.

An interesting game of basket ball was played last night at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium between teams Nos. 1 and 2, captained by Messrs. E. Y. Davis and Robt. E. VanLaer, respectively. The honors, after an interesting contest, were won by team No. 1 in a score of 17 to 6. Two twenty-minute halves were played, with a ten-minute intermission.

The following was the line up of the teams:

Team No. 1—E. Y. Davis (captain), center; B. W. Marshall, right guard; N. S. McLaurin, left guard; H. E. Boney, right forward; H. C. Rancke, left forward.

Team No. 2—R. E. VanLaer, (captain), center; Frank Irving, right guard; J. L. Davis, left guard; W. R. Dosher, right forward; Ed. Jones, left forward.

Referee—William L. Latta.
Umpire—G. E Delano.
Timekeeper—W. E Davis.

After the game the teams were treated to a sumptuous spread of fruits and candies, as a compliment from Mr. Andrew Mavronichols, the popular "Brooklyn" Greek confectioner. Cigars of a delicious flavor were passed around to the guests and a pleasant evening at play and repast was spent.

The Dog Hearing.

Justice Bornemann yesterday morning in the county court room concluded the case in hearing over the ownership of a Scotch collie dog which is claimed jointly by Mr. H. L. Peterson and Capt. Joe McRee. The decision was in favor of Peterson, upon which J. O. Carr, Esq., defendant's counsel, gave notice of an appeal to the Superior Court and Capt. McRee gave bond in the sum of $50 for possession of the dog. Peterson was represented by A. J. Marshall, Esq.

FOR SHERIFF,

OWEN FENNELL

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A NEW ICE COMPANY.

The Principal Factory and Chief Business of the Corporation at Hamlet, N. C.

CAPITAL STOCK IS $10,000.

Other Raleigh News--Asheville Telephone Company and Oakland Manufacturing Company Organized--Ryan's Suit Against the S. A. L.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., March 8—The Secretary of State to-day incorporated the Hamlet Ice Company, with a capital stock of $10,000; Chas. E. Johnson, Alf. A. Thompson and J. Ludlow Skinner, all of Raleigh, are incorporators. The business proposed is the manufacturing, purchase, and sale of ice, refrigerating cars, furnishing cold storage, and the conduct of all other business incident to the manufacture of and dealing in ice and refrigeration. The principal factory and chief business of the corporation is in Hamlet, Richmond county, with branch factory and store rooms at any available place in the State. Meetings of the corporation may be held in Wake county or Richmond county, and financial affairs may be conducted in Raleigh. The contract for machinery for this factory has already been placed. It will have a daily capacity of twenty-five tons, and a refrigerating capacity of forty tons a day. The building is to be erected by April first and machinery put in and running not later than May 1st. It will be managed by Mr. T. M. Rose, of Fayetteville. He has had long experience in the ice business at Fayetteville and Norfolk.

Other corporations granted to-day are: Asheville Telephone Company, with capital of $80,000, and Oakland Manufacturing Company, of Winston, with capital of $20,000, for manufacture of furniture.

Answers to Thomas F. Ryan's complaint in his suit started here in December before Judge Purnell to prevent the consolidation of the Seaboard system were filed to-day with the clerk of the United States Circuit Court. Separate answers are filed by each of the following defendants: Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad Company, Raleigh & Gaston Railroad Company, John Skelton Williams president, Leigh R. Watts and J. W. Middendorf directors. Answers of the two railroads are much alike in all material points of the suit. Messrs. Williams and Watts, in their answers, refer to and adopt the answers of these roads and then add some additional material facts bearing upon the case. Mr. Middendorf contents himself with denial of the jurisdiction of the court over him, he being a citizen of Maryland and Ryan a citizen of New York.

MARRIED AT CASTLE HAYNES.

Miss Lillie Corbett Happily Wedded to Mr. Jno. R. Hardee, of This City, Last Night.

In the Baptist Church at Castle Haynes last evening at 8 45 o'clock a pretty ceremony was performed in the marriage of Miss Lillie Corbett, daughter of Mrs. Mary Corbett of that village, to Mr. Jno. R. Hardee, one of the popular members of the Wilmington fire department.

The church was tastefully decorated with a wealth of flowers and the officiating minister was Rev. Benj. Ward, pastor of the church. There was quite a large attendance of friends and relatives to witness the ceremony and the attendants were Mr. J. I. Ham with Miss Belle Corbett and Mr. J. R. Pickett with Miss Emma Corbett. Quite a number of handsome and costly presents were displayed at the home of the bride, and after the ceremony, the happy young couple came to the city by private conveyance and will be at home after to-day on Harnett between Second and Third streets.

The following party of friends from Wilmington attended the wedding and returned to the city last night: Misses Hattie Clark, Annie Charles, Alice Beach and Katie Applewhite; Messrs. R. H. King, Jno. King and Will Lietgen.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. E. C. Herring, of Garland, is in the city on business.

—C. Furber Jones, Esq., of Charlotte, is registered at The Orton.

— Mr. H. C. Bridgers, of New York, arrived in the city yesterday.

— The STAR regrets to announce that Dr. W. D. McMillan, superintendent of health, is still quite sick.

— Mr. Joe Ramsey, the Epworth League lecturer, left yesterday morning for Southport, where he will spend several days.

— Mr. D. T. Williams, of Whiteville, N. C., was among the number of Columbus county people who were in the city yesterday.

— Rev. Dr. W. M. McPheeters, of Columbia, S. C., who is pleasantly remembered in Wilmington, will preach again at the First Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and evening.

— Mr. W. B. Harker, one of the best known and most popular citizens of Robeson county, was a STAR visitor yesterday. He reports his home town, "Merry Maxton," still making steady and solid growth.

WORKMAN BOUND OVER FOR SECRET ASSAULT.

Alleged Assailant of Contractor A. G. Call Held in the Sum of a $500 Justified Bond for the Criminal Court.

C. E. Workman, the young white man charged with the desperate assault upon Contractor A. G. Call on the night of March 3d, particulars of which are well known to STAR readers, was called in the municipal court yesterday morning at 9 30 o'clock, Mr. Call having been able to ride down to the court room in a carriage sent up from police headquarters for him.

The defendant was represented by William J. Bellamy, Esq., who waived the privilege of examination of witnesses and took his case to the Criminal Court, Workman having been committed to the county jail in default of $500 justified bond for his appearance. The allegations in the warrant against Mr. Bellamy's client was "feloniously and unlawfully in the night time breaking into and entering the dwelling house of A. G. Call and assaulting and seriously injuring him with a deadly weapon, to-wit, a club," but upon motion of counsel the charge was amended to secret assault with a deadly weapon.

Mr. Call was the only witness examined and he testified to facts in the case, which were practically the same as those printed in this paper at the time. He said positively that he recognized his assailant as Workman, not only by his voice, but by means of a dim light which shone from smouldering embers in the stove in his room, he was able to distinguish his features. The door through which an entrance into the house was effected was not locked as his family were accustomed to coming in and out from their work in the Wilmington Cotton Mills a short distance away. He was subjected to a rigid cross examination by Mr. Bellamy, but his testimony was not impeached. Defendants, counsel attempted to discount witness' evidence by showing that the testator was an atheist but he maintained that he was a believer in a supreme being and had been confirmed in the Episcopal church. He had been a resident of Wilmington since 1866.

The little daughter of Mr. Call, aged nine years, who was in bed with her father at the time of the assault, was present to substantiate her father's statement, but owing to her age she was not examined. There were also a number of witnesses for the defendant by whom it is alleged he can prove an alibi, but these, for reasons, stated, were not introduced.

DIED FAR FROM HOME.

Pythians Demonstrate Loyalty to Their Fraternity by Attention to a Dead Brother of Massachusetts.

Reference was made in the STAR yesterday to the death of the steward of the schooner *J. Manchester Haynes*, bound for Charleston, which put in at Southport Tuesday at noon.

The deceased man turns out to be Mr. Willard Nickerson, of South Dennis, Cape Cod, Mass., and he is of a very highly esteemed family of that place, who upon being notified of the death gave instructions for the embalming of the body and its shipment to his home for interment. Mr. J. F. Woolvin performed the service in a very highly satisfactory manner, though death had occurred fifty-three hours before he had undertaken the work.

Mr. L. C. Sanford and wife, of New York, arrived in the city yesterday to take charge of the remains and accompany them to the home of the deceased, he having been a nephew of Mrs. Sanford. He was also a member of Cape Cod lodge K. of P., and the relief committee of the local lodges, consisting of Mr. J. D. Nutt (chairman), Mr. W. C. Smith (secretary), Col. W. J. Woodward and Mr. H. H Gieschen, assisted Mr. and Mrs. Sanford in the arrangements here, and with quite a number of other Pythians, accompanied the remains to the A. C. L. train last evening by which they were sent to the home of the deceased. A beautiful floral emblem was also laid upon the casket by the committee of Pythians.

Mr. Nickerson was comparatively a young man and died of heart disease.

— Col. S. B. Taylor, of Catherine Lake and one of Onslow's prominent citizens, was among yesterday's welcome callers at this office.

DIED.

SMITH—At his home, No. 217 South Second street yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, JNO. H. SMITH, aged 79 years.

Funeral from St. Paul's Episcopal Church this (Friday) afternoon at 2 30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.

AN EMERGENT COMMUNICATION WILL be held this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock, in the Temple, for work in the Master Mason's degree.

WM. M. POISSON, Secretary.
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Oranges, sweet as sugar,
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Fancy Wine Sap Apples,
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All just received by New York steamer.

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We have a few tubs of nice Elgin Butter for our customers at a low price this week.
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Groceries of all kinds at Bottom Prices.

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We can handle some nice Sweet Potatoes and Poultry to advantage now. Prompt sales for all Naval Stores and Produce.

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New York Correspondent, CHEMICAL NATIONAL BANK. mar 9 tf

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Eastern District of North Carolina. In the matter of Thomas W. Smith, Bankrupt. In Bankruptcy. To the Honorable Thomas R. Purnell, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Thomas W. Smith, of Faisons, in the county of Duplin and State of North Carolina, in said district, respectfully represents that on the 14th day of November, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to Bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and the orders of the Court touching his bankruptcy. Wherefore he prays that he may be decreed by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said Bankrupt Acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 5th day of February, A. D. 1900.
THOMAS W. SMITH, Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

Eastern District of North Carolina, ss.: On this 7th day of March, A. D 1900, (the petition having been filed on March 5th, A. D., 1900), on reading the foregoing petition it is ordered by the Court that a hearing be had upon the same on the 19th day of March, A. D. 1900, before the said Court at the office of the undersigned referee in Fayetteville, in the said district, at five o'clock in the afternoon and that notice thereof be published in THE MORNING STAR, a newspaper printed in said district; and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at said time and place and show cause if any they have why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

Fayetteville, N. C., March, 7th, 1900.
S. H. MACRAE,
ma 9 1t Referee in Bankruptcy.

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ma 4 tf PROVISIONERS.

Carolina Yacht Club....

The Annual Meeting of the Carolina Yacht Club will be held in the City Court room, Monday, March 19th, at 8 P. M.

Notice is given that action may be taken on the Reserve Fund and on any other suggestions made by the Governing Board and contained in the Circular Letter of November 8th, 1899.

Election of officers for the ensuing year.
By order of the Commodore.
JAMES T. MUNDS,
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MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon	1	6:25 a. m.	Full Moon	16	3:13 a. m.
First Quarter	8	0:34 a. m.	Third Quarter	24	0:26 a. m.
			New Moon	30	3:30 p. m.

The Morning Star

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 9, 1900.

THE OPEN DOOR.

There has been a good deal of talk about the "open door" in China and about the possibilities of trade extension in that country as a result of securing the open door. The open door is all right, it is a good thing and should be universal; but our Republican friends who favor holding the Philippines as American possessions regardless of the wishes of the inhabitants are beginning to discover that there are two sides to it, one of which they had not thought of until the Porto Rico tariff bill engaged the attention of Congress. Senator Foraker was the first statesman, as far as we know, to call attention to the other side and suggest the possibilities that might lay hidden behind the open door. "Beyond Porto Rico come the Philippines," and in the Philippines lie numerous perplexing questions, the open door being one of them. In his speech on introducing a substitute for the Porto Rico tariff he called the attention of Senators and the country to some of the consequences to which we might find ourselves subjected by the open door arrangement. He said:

"In my own mind—I do not know how it is with other Senators—the fact that this bill raises that question (of the powers of Congress in legislating for Territories) is more important than any revenue that it provides for. Why is it so important? Not on account of Puerto Rico, for as we have said in our report, there is nothing to be imported from Puerto Rico that will come prejudicially, or at least seriously prejudicially, into competition with our products in this country. It is a revenue duty simply and solely, and not in any sense protective.

"Mr. President, beyond Puerto Rico come the Philippines. Soon we shall be called upon to legislate with regard to these islands. I do not know what the future has in store.

"I wish to say that with respect to the Philippines it has been suggested, and it has been contended for by many, that we should have an 'open door' policy. If that policy should be finally adopted and all the nations of the world be allowed to go with their ships and their merchandise into the ports of the Philippines on the same terms we go there with our ships and our merchandise, there will be an overthrow at once of our entire protective policy and system unless we have the power to protect ourselves against the results, against the injury that would come to us from these islands by reason of all the world being permitted to go into the Philippines and from there to come here or anywhere else in the United States without payment of duties. The claims of those in opposition to this proposition lead to this.

"I say this provision in this bill will give rise to the question of our power as to all these matters. It is true, as the Senator for Colorado has said, that there are many and serious questions raised by this measure. We are not upmindful of that. The bill was drawn not only to meet the necessities of the situation, but also, necessarily, as an incident, to meet the question as to the policy which must be pursued by this country. We are now all alike in common interest, and the question must be settled now and should be in the case of Puerto Rico, which is the first legislation of the kind that Congress is called upon to enact."

Mr. Foraker and the other Senators who drew up this substitute do not attach much importance to the revenue that would come from the Philippines nor to the demands for protection made by those who thought they might lose something by competition from the island. They see in it a much more important matter than either of these, and this will be the apology for treating as foreign territory Porto Rico, which is under our flag as the choice of its inhabitants. To state it in brief it is this. Porto Rico, being the first of our new acquisitions to be acted upon by Congress would become a precedent, and if free trade were established with that island there could be no valid reason given why it should not be extended to the Philippines and then we would have the open door, fraught, in the opinion of Senator Foraker, with such disastrous consequences to our protective tariff system, so that we must either see the protective system tumble or have no open door. From the standpoint of a protectionist this is logical, but it is at the same time a declaration that the protective system is to be perpetuated whether there is any need of it or not.

But the action that Congress may finally take in the matter of the Porto Rico tariff is not going to settle the open door question which will remain an open question as to the Philippines. If China and the European countries that have squatted in China and secured control of ports agree to open the door to us, with what consistency can we shut the Philippine door on them, and if we do would we have any right to protest or complain if they shut their Chinese door against us? If we open the door, then we take all the chances against the protective tariff system, and if we don't open it, then we will have serious obstacles thrown in the way of extending our trade in China, and this trade and its possibilities is one of the alluring arguments offered for permanently holding on to the Philippines.

We have been compelled to adopt an arbitrary, inconsistent and un-American policy towards Porto Rico and treat it as foreign territory that we may pursue the same kind of policy towards the Philippines when we come to deal with them. In this respect the Philippines have the advantage over Porto Rico, for Porto Rico's trade with Spain was cut off, while under the Paris treaty Spain has the open door in the Philippines for ten years. As the situation presents itself now we must tax Philippine products ooming to our ports and our products going to Philippine ports, close the doors even against ourselves and also against other nations from whom we demand the open door in China, and all to protect and perpetuate the protective tariff system, which is no longer necessary, if it ever was.

And this applies to Hawaii, too, which didn't come to us as a result of war, but by voluntary application for annexation.

Senator Foraker suggests that there is involved in this a question of constitutional law, that the Supreme Court of the United States will have to decide. In the event it decides that the constitution goes to these new acquisitions, and that in the matter of taxation Congress cannot adopt one system for them and another system for other territory under the flag, how will it be then? Will we not have the open door whether the protective tariff system tumbles or not? Unless the Supreme Court permits itself to be influenced by the political bearings of the question that's the way it must decide, and then the protective expansionists may begin to realize that expansion may cost them as well as the country something, and they may finally regret that we hadn't contented ourselves with one or two harbors as coaling and supply stations, and harbors of refuge, and let the rest go. They could have had these and escaped all this tariff muddle and open door contingencies.

PRITCHARD'S CHEEK.

Audacity of utterance is one of the characteristics of the average Republican stumper. Senator Pritchard possesses this characteristic fully developed. It is the leading feature of his speeches in the Senate and on the stump, where he gives it even fuller play than he does in the Senate, doubtless for the reason that there is generally no one to reply to him and he doesn't fear being called to taw. The following extract from his speech at Newton is a sample of his trifling with the verities and of his colossal cheek:

"Under the last Republican administration, no county in North Carolina was under negro rule."

Did Mr. Pritchard imagine that he could fool an average intelligent audience with such a barefaced assertion and such arrant rot as this? If there wasn't a county in North Carolina under negro rule what was all that racket about in 1898? Do the people of North Carolina permit themselves to become excited over nothing, and work like firemen fighting a conflagration to free themselves from something that did not exist? What did all those negro commissioners, school committeemen, magistrates, constables and town commissioners in so many counties in Eastern North Carolina mean? They didn't have them in Western counties, for the white people out there wouldn't stand it, but the people of the Eastern counties, where the negroes are numerous, knew that they did have negro rule, for they saw it and felt it every day they lived until their white brethren of other parts of the State flew to their rescue and the redemption came in 1898.

It is to prevent the possibility of a return of this state of affairs in Eastern North Carolina that the constitutional amendment has been submitted to the people and this is why Pritchard and his gang, who are dependent upon negro votes, are opposing it.

Economy sometimes turns out to be the grossest extravagance, as it was in the case of the Pennsylvania man who beat a turnpike company out of a cent toll by driving around the gate. The company sued him for the cent and recovered judgment, in addition to which he had to pay a $10 fine and court costs. By the time he gets through with his appeal it will cost him some more.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work. This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures Nervousness, Sleepliness, Melancholy, Headache, Backache, Fainting and Dizzy Spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly and run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by R. R BELLAMY, druggist. †

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A GOOD RIDDANCE

Marion Butler has cut a pretty wide swath as chairman of the Populist National Committee and has succeeded in splitting the party into two factions. In attempting to play the boss he has done the same thing in his own State. The feeling with which he is regarded by some of those who object to his arbitrary rule in the national party, or what there is left of it, is shown in the following extract from a speech by the Hon. J. A. Parker, Populist, of Kentucky, delivered at Indianapolis before a gathering of Populists who met there to attend a State convention one day last week. Speaking of Butler, he said:

"The disruption in the national committee at Lincoln the other day will prove to be of great benefit to us, for it rids the party of false leaders who have been attempting to sell us to the Democratic party. I have seen Goebelism in Kentucky at its height and Quayism in Pennsylvania in its full flower of infamy, but neither can compare with the attempt of Chairman Butler to usurp the freedom and privileges of a great political party."

We do not know whether Mr. Parker had ever read the published remarks of the Messrs. Green, Boggs and other distinguished Populists who have given the public their estimate of Boss Butler, but it is remarkable how fully he agrees with them. Boss rule is bad enough, but the most odious feature of it in the Butler case is that he does it in a sneaking, hypocritical way, pretending all the time that it isn't about himself he is thinking, but about the "dear people" whom he has been humbugging, or trying to humbug, ever since he has been in a position to play the humbug racket on them.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE FRAUD

In referring to the bimetallic amendment to the currency bill, which amendment was permitted to stand by the conference committees, Representative Overstreet, Republican of Indiana, said last Wednesday: "That is of little importance, I frankly say I consider it of little importance." That is what everybody thought when this amendment was offered by Senator Aldrich, but Mr. Overstreet is the first Republican statesman, as far as we know, to thus frankly acknowledge the fraud.

If it was of little importance why was it added to the bill as a semi-offset to the declaration for the gold standard? Wasn't it the evident intention of the Senator who offered it to make it appear that the Republican party was still friendly to silver and would co-operate in any movement by other nations to reinstate it as a full money metal? If this was not the intention then the amendment has no meaning at all, and inserting it there was simply a waste of talk and of time. It was substantially a reaffirmation of the silver pledge in the St. Louis platform which the framers of this bill ignored and on which they tried to hedge by reiterating this fraud, which Representative Overstreet now frankly confesses to be of little importance. He deserves some credit for his frankness if the prepetrators of the fraud deserve condemnation.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Did ever anything fall so flat as the report of the Industrial Commission? That body was self-edited self-exposed and self-condemned by anticipation. The power that created it should now be invoked to disperse it.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— The Filipinos seem incapable of knowing when they are whipped—which is but another proof that they are unfit to maintain a government for themselves. But we must remember that the English once said the same about our ancestors, and were equally well convinced that we should have teachers and guides.—*Jacksonville Times-Union and Citizen, Dem.*

—— In Texas, where the Republicans are two or three hundred thousand in the minority, they are enjoying a factional split, over the federal offices and spoils. To secure those places and that plunder is the main reason for the party's existence in the lone Star State; and since there aren't enough of offices to go round, the leaders naturally fall out and fight.—*Chattanooga Times, Dem,*

—— Because we hear so little from General Otis nowadays it must not be inferred that he is idle. On the contrary, the announcement that he has called for and is to receive two hundred and fifty additional typewriters indicates a determined industry on his part that few of the greatest commanders have excelled. Whether this addition to his equipment is for the purpose of writing proclamations to the fleet Tagalos, or whether the distinguished soldier intends to employ them all to tell the story of his life, is not explained.—*Philadelphia Times, Ind.*

Prevented a Tragedy.

Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of New Straitsville, Ohio, prevented a dreadfuly tragedy and saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors, but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her, and she writes this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attach of pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of the matchless merit of this grand remedy for curing all Throat, Chest and Lung Troubles. Only 50 cents and $1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles 10 cents at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—Goldsboro *Headlight*: The death of Mrs. Lina Hooks, wife of Mr. W. R. Hooks, of Fremont, was reported here Monday.

— Clarkton *Express*: An eleven months child of Mr. J. H Guyton had a peculiar and very painful accident to happen it last week. It swallowed a pine cone about 1¼ inches long, which lodged in its throat and was extracted with great difficulty. Its throat bled very profusely, but it is now doing well.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: A fire started at Hope Mills this afternoon which threatened to do considerable damage, but was, by some hard work, confined to the residence of Mrs. Martha Bullard adjoining the A. C. L. depot where it originated, and which was totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at about $500.

— Winston *Sentinel*: There came near being a wholesale jail delivery in Greensboro Monday afternoon. With an improvised saw, made of a table knife and a file, a hole large enough to admit a man's body had been sawed through the cell, and fourteen negroes were waiting for darkness to make good their escape. This is the third attempt the prisoners have made to regain their liberty within the past three weeks.

— Pittsboro *Record*: We must regret to hear the death of the wife of Joseph E. Johnson, of Williams township, who died on last Friday night after a long sickness, aged about fifty years. —— The friends of Mr Walker Farrell will be grieved to hear of the death of his wife at Bynum on last Friday night. About two months ago she had a presentment that she would soon die and made her burial clothes. When she was taken sick she told her husband that she was going to die and gave full directions as to her burial.

— Durham *Sun*: The engineer of the west bound through freight No. 73, on the Southern Railway, which arrived here Wednesday morning about 9:30 o'clock, discovered a dead man on the track at a point about three miles the other side of Clayton at an early hour this morning. It is supposed that the man was run over and killed by No. 12, the east bound night passenger train or a freight. From appearances, it is supposed that the man who was a stranger and unknown in that vicinity, laid down and went to sleep with his head upon the rail. A train came along and struck him badly mangling him. The dead man had the appearance of a tramp. He is described a short, heavy set man, about 30 or 35 years of age.

TWINKLINGS.

— "My horse is very slow. What would be the best way to make him fast?" "Don't feed him."

— "But has she observed the usual period of mourning for her last husband?" "No; barely the semicolon, this time."—*Detroit Journal.*

— "What kind of a man is he?" "He is the kind of a man that would not hesitate to mail you a coal bill wrapped up in a comic valentine."—*Chicago Record.*

— "Uncle Abner, did you enjoy staying at the big hotel in town?" "Gee—I guess so; I rid up an' down in that there iron fire escape all day far nothin'."—*Detroit Free Press.*

—She—"A married couple should pull together like a team of horses." He—"Yes, and they probably would if like a team of horses they had but one tongue between them."—*Chicago News.*

— Miss Pepprey—"Why, she doesn't look as if she knew her own name." Miss Newitt—"She doesn't, half the time" Miss Pepprey—"Really?" Miss Newitt—"Yes, you know she married a Polish nobleman."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— "What is your waist measure?" asked her dearest friend. "Really, I've forgotten," replied the demure little maiden. For a moment she was buried in thought. Then, turning to her escort, she asked: "Harold, how long is a man's arm, anyway?"—*Chicago Post.*

— "I am afraid some of my constituents don't think as much of me as I'd like to have them," said the Congressman. "I'm afraid they don't." "Do they say anything?" "No. I wish they would. Then may be we could have them locked up on a charge of profanity."—*Washington Star.*

— Explanatory: Lady—"I gave you money yesterday because you said you wanted to buy some bread; then you turned right straight around and walked into a saloon with it." Beggar—"True, lady; sad, but true! I am one uv dem absent minded beggars w'ot Ruddy Kipling sobs about."—*Judge.*

— For Good Reasons: Miss Askew—"So your marriage is put off?" Miss Crummy—"Yes papa is not at all satisfied with his position; mama doesn't like his family connections; auntie thinks he is too careless in his dress; and I think—" Miss Askew—"Yes what do you think? That is the important thing." Miss Crummy—"I think I ought to wait till he asks me."—*Brooklyn Life.*

HOW OUR FATHERS TAUGHT.

An Interesting Relic of Dear Old Childhood's Days.

A western man was on a visit to his eastern cousin and his host was entertaining him by showing the family heirlooms.

"See this old gun," he said. "It taught me my first lesson in arithmetic."

"How?" his guest asked curiously.

"It's dead easy. Guess."

"Father promise to let you shoot it on your next birthday?"

"No."

"Point it at your head if you didn't count correctly?"

"Nothing of the kind."

"Shoot you through your left ear?"

"No. We do not believe in pierced ears."

"Then I give it up," the westerner said, with a deep sigh.

"Oh," his cousin replied, repressing a broad grin. "He laid the gun away and used the ramrod."—Life.

The Philosophy of Dead Gameness.

"Now," said the man who had yearned for riches, "I will go forth today and risk once more. Success has attended all my ventures. I have $9,990,000. If all goes well today, I will be ten times a millionaire. Then I will retire. Then I will risk no more. Then I will be content, and some one else may step into the place that I leave vacant."

So he risked again and won the $10,000 that he thought he needed in his business. But the man who lost the money was not dead game. If he had been dead game, he would have said nothing and hoped for better luck next time. Therefore, lacking the qualities that make for gameness, he jumped upon the man who had won and thumped him so hard that he died on the way to the hospital.

There is in the heart of every man who succeeds here below a soft spot for the dead game loser.—Chicago Times-Herald.

The amateur detective is as humorous a character as any of Shakespeare's clowns, or even old Dogberry himself. He finds the most astonishing clues, and generally follows them until he brings up about as far away from the solution of the mystery as mortal well may be. But the specialist in the detection of crime, Sherlock Holmes, is a man who reads clues, as the Indian reads a trail. Every step he takes is a step to success.

It's much the same way in the detection of disease. While the amateur is blundering along over misleading symptoms, the specialist goes right to the real cause and puts an arresting hand upon the disease. It is in such a way that Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., succeeds in hunting out and arresting diseases, where the less experienced practitioners fail. More than thirty years of special study and experience have enabled Dr. Pierce to read symptoms as easily and as truly as the Indian reads a trail which is without a hint for a less acute vision than his. Any sick person can consult Dr. Pierce by letter absolutely without charge. Each letter is read in private and answered in private. Its contents are held as sacredly confidential. It is answered with fatherly feeling as well as medical skill and the reply is sent sealed in a perfectly plain envelope, that there may be no third party to the correspondence. Thousands have taken the first step to health by writing to Dr. Pierce. No writer ever regretted writing. Ninety-eight in every hundred treated have been positively cured. If you are afflicted with any old obstinate ailment write to-day, you will be one day nearer health. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—		
2 ℔ Jute	6½	7
Standard	7	7½
Burlaps	6	6½
WESTERN SMOKED—		
Hams ℔	12½	15
Sides ℔	8	8
Shoulders ℔	8	8
DRY SALTED—		
Sides ℔	6½	6¾
Shoulders ℔	6	6
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—		
Second-hand, each	1 40	1 40
New New York, each	1 40	1 50
New City, each	1 40	1 50
BEESWAX ℔	0	24
BRICKS—		
Wilmington ℔ M	6 75	7 00
Northern	9 00	14 00
BUTTER—		
North Carolina ℔	18	20
Northern	18	20½
CORN MEAL—		
Per bushel, in sacks	49	50
Virginia Meal	49	50
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	1 35	1 36
CANDLES—℔		
Sperm	18	25
Adamantine	8	11
CHEESE—℔		
Northern Factory	12	13
Dairy Cream	13½	14
State	11½	12
COFFEE—℔		
Laguyra	13	16
Rio	9½	11
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		5¼
Yarns, ℔ bunch of 5 ℔s		70
EGGS—℔ dozen	10	11
FISH—		
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ half-bbl	8 00	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 75	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		3 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	3 50
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	15
Extra	4 35	4 50
FLOUR—℔		
Low grade		3 00
Choice		3 50
Straight	3 85	4 00
Fine Patent	4 25	4 50
GLUE—℔	10½	11½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—		
Corn, from store, bgs—White		53½
Car-load, in bgs—White	51½	53
Oats, from store	38	40
Oats, Rust Proof		45
Cow Peas	80	90
HIDES, ℔ ℔—		
Green salted		6½
Dry flint	10	12½
Dry salt		10
HAY ℔ 100 ℔s		
Clover Hay	75	80
Rice Straw	40	50
Eastern	90	1 00
Western	90	1 00
North River	80	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	3½	5¼
LARD, ℔ ℔—		
Northern	7	8½
North Carolina	6	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—		
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	16 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	15 00
Commons mill	6 00	8 00
Fair mill	8 00	9 00
Prime mill	8 50	10 00
Extra mill	10 00	10 50
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—		
Barbadoes, in hogsheads		35
Barbadoes, in barrels		30
Porto Rico, in hogsheads	26	30
Porto Rico, in barrels	26	30½
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	15
Syrup, in barrels	15	25
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	2 90	3 00
PORK, ℔ barrel—		
City Mess	11 75	12 00
Rump	11 00	12 00
Prime	11,00	11 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	12
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		1 25
Liverpool	90	95
American	85	90
On 120 ℔ Sacks		60
SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M	5 00	5 50
Commons	1 90	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	2 75
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		5¼
Standard A		5¼
White Extra C		4¾
Extra C, Golden		4½
C, Yellow		4¼
SOAP, ℔—Northern	5½	6
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	9 00	10 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed		
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 00	8 00
" Sap	5 00	6 00
5x20 Heart	3 00	3 50
" Sap	2 00	2 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	6 50
Sap	5 00	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon, Northern	1 00	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	00
WOOL, per ℔—Unwashed	14	18
Mill, Prime	7 00	8 75
Mill, Fair	6 00	7 00
Common Mill	5 00	6 00
Inferior to ordinary	3 50	5 00

Couldn't Decide.

"Hark! Do you hear that man on the front seat? What under heaven is that gibberish he's talking?"

"He's reading a list of Boer words and their definitions."

"Well, I thought it must be that or golf."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

His Point of View.

"Don't you think the stage is becoming sadly immoral?"

"Not necessarily," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes. "But it does strike me that the taste of audiences is becoming more depraved every season."—Washington Star.

A Natural Inference.

Doctor—We seem to have got the best of your influenza, but in the case of influenza the worst is not the disease itself, but the consequences.

Patient—Oh, you mean your bill? How much is it?—Der Flob.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, March 8.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR—Market steady at $1.20 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Nothing doing.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin firm at 95c@$1.00; tar firm at $1.00; crude turpentine steady at $1.35@2.40.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	00
Rosin	298
Tar	198
Crude turpentine	00

Receipts same day last year.—2 casks spirits turpentine, 99 bbls rosin, 167 bbls tar, 15 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Nothing doing—Nominal.

Same day last year middling firm at 6c.

Receipts—1,126 bales; same day last year, 283.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 70c. Extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 77½@80c. Virginia—Prime 50c; extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm, 53 to 53½ cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tide-water) 85 cents; upland, 50@60 cents. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 10 to 11c per pound; shoulders, 7 to 8c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $2.25 to 3.25; six-inch, $4.00 to $5.00, seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.50 to 9.00 per M.

LOCAL SECURITIES.

Quotations on local securities, furnished and regularly corrected by Hugh MacRae & Co:

STOCKS.	BID.	ASKED.
A. C. L. of Conn., 5 per ct. Certs	110	113½
A. C. L. of Conn., stock	120	...
A. C. L. of S. C.	123	...
Wilmington Compress Co	175	...
W. & W. 7 per ct Certs	142	146
N. C. R. R.	157	160
Wilmington Compress Co	...	10
Delgado Mills	109	110
Wilmington Cotton Mills, ptd	110	115
Henrietta Mills	195	...
Wilmington Gas Light Co	70	74
Carolina Insurance Co	107½	...
Underwriters' Insurance Co	105	108
National Bank of Wilmington	119	118
Atlantic National Bank	100	...
Murchison National Bank	112	...
Wil. Savings & Trust Co	215	...
BONDS.		
N. C 4's	103½	106½
N. C. 6's	135	138
City Wilm, con. 's, gold, 1922	113	115
City Wilm. 6's, cur	100	...
City Wilm. 6's, 1919	100	...
City Wilm. 6's	101	105
Masonic Temple 1st 6's	105	...
Masonic Temple 2d 6's	...	100
Wilmington Compress Co.'s 8's	85	...
Wilmington & Weldon 5's	116	...
A. C. L. 4's	100	...

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Money on call steady; actual transactions were at 2@3½ per cent., last loan at 2. Prime mercantile paper 4½@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 486½ for demand and 483½@483¾ for sixty days. Posted rates 483½@484 and 487@487½. Commercial bills 481½@483. Silver certificates 60¼@61c. Bar silver 59¾. Mexican dollars 47¼. Government bonds weak. State bonds strong. Railroad bonds were quoted firm. U. S. 2's, reg'd, 103; U. S 3's, reg'd, 111½; do. coupon, 111½; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 136½; do. coupon, 136½; U. S. old 4's, reg'd, 117½; do. coupon, 118½; U. S. 5's, reg'd, 116; do. coupon, 116¾; N. C. 6's 127; do. 4's, 106; Southern R'y 5's 109. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 61¾; Chesapeake & Ohio 28; Manhattan L 94; New York Central 133¾; Reading 17½; do. 1st pref'd 57⅝; St. Paul 130⅝; do. preferred 172; Southern Railway 13¾; do. preferred 57¾; American Tobacco, 103⅝; do. preferred 135; People's Gas 93; Sugar 97⅞; do. preferred 109½; T. C. & Iron 91½; U. S. Leather 11⅛; do. preferred 71¾; Western Union 83¾.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Rosin was quiet. Spirits turpentine quiet.

CHARLESTON, March 8.—Spirits turpentine firm at 52c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels. Prices unchanged.

SAVANNAH, March 8.—Spirits turpentine firm at 53½c; sales 115 casks; receipts 87 casks; exports — casks. Rosin nominal and nothing doing. Sales — barrels; receipts 1,371 barrels; exports — barrels. Prices unchanged.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 8.—A large business was transacted in cotton futures again to-day. Continual liquidation was the principal factor in swelling the volume of transactions to an enormous total, semi officially estimated at 950,000 bales. The market started out with prices unchanged to two and eleven points higher. This rise was due to the fact that the English market, while showing at the opening a decline of 3 32d in spot cotton and a decline of 5 64@6 64d in futures, was by no means as badly off as the demoralizationshowed by our market yesterday might seem to justify. Then, too, closing cables reduced the net decline at Liverpool to two and four sixty fourths for the day. Later, however, our market showed effect of heavy selling of long cotton. Margins were asked for that were not forthcoming, and a large amount of the selling was of this class. In the afternoon the market broke sharply under renewed heavy liquidation of long cotton and became excited and very irregular with the tone finally weak at a net decline of four to twenty-five points.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Cotton dull; middling uplands 9½c.

Cotton futures closed weak: March 9.00, April 8.95, May 8.95, June 8.94, July 8.93. August 8.80, September 8.00, October 7.72, November 7.68, December 7.64, January 7.64.

Spot cotton closed dull; middling uplands 9¼c; middling gulf 9¼c; sales 1,228 bales.

Net receipts 1,446 bales; gross receipts 2,559 bales; exports to Great Britain 4,538 bales; exports to the Continent 3,723 bales; stock 140,317 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 26,005 bales; exports to Great Britain 4,583; exports to the Continent 28,734 bales; stock 926,370 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 185,283 bales; exports to Great Britain 49,585 bales; exports to France 450 bales; exports to the Continent 86,043 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 5,618,806 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,649,340 bales; exports to France 588,785 bales; exports to the Continent 1,897,647 bales.

March 8.—Galveston, quiet at 9¼c, net receipts 3,717 bales; Norfolk, dull at 9¾c, net receipts 1,681 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 9¼c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 9¾c, net receipts 144 bales; Wilmington, firm at 9½, net receipts 1,126 bales; Philadelphia, dull at 9¼, net receipts 149 bales; Savannah, very quiet at 9¼c, net receipts 3,066 bales; New Orleans, irregular at 9¼c, net receipts 9,958 bales; Mobile, quiet at 9 9-16c, net receipts 153 bales; Memphis, steady at 9¼, net receipts 476 bales; Augusta, quiet at 9¾c, net receipts 552 bales; Charleston, firm at 9¾, net receipts 1,281 bales.

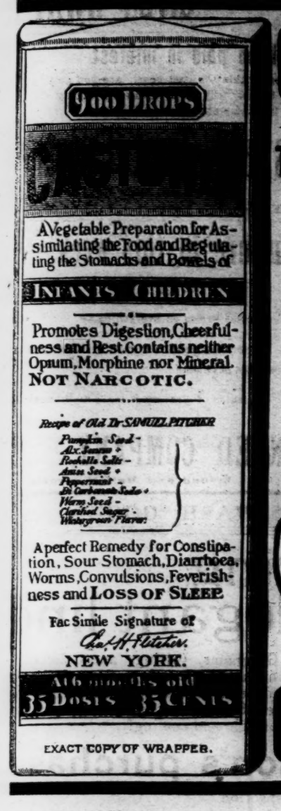
PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Flour was in firmer position but rather quiet as buyers were not fully prepared to meet the higher prices asked. Wheat—Spot strong; No. 2 red 76¾c; options opened steady and subsequently advanced on the strong cash position and alarm among the shorts. Later the bull movement enlarged, trade became active and prices reacting reached the top in the last hour, helped by export buying, strong crop rumors and light speculative offerings. Closed strong at ¾@2½c net advance. Quoted: March closed 76½c; May closed 78c; July closed 72¾c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 42c; options were very dull all day but showed firmness in sympathy with wheat and the West, where demand was active. Closed firm at ¾c net advance. May closed 40¾c; July closed 40¾c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2, 28¼; options quiet but firm. Lard firm; Western steam $5 20; refined firm. Pork firm. Cheese firm; fancy large white and colored 13@13¼c; small colored 13¼c; fancy small white 13@13¼c; choice grades 12@12¾. Butter firm; Western creamery 20@26c; State dairy 18@25c Eggs were weak; State and Pennsylvania 15@15¼ at mark; Southern 14@15¼c mark. Tallow quiet. Petroleum steady. Potatoes steady; New Jersey $1 25@1 50; New York $1 50@1 75; Long Island $1 50@2 00; New Jersey sweets $2 25@2 75. Cabbage quiet; Long Island $4 00@6 00 per 100. Freights to Liverpool quiet and steady. Cotton seed oil dull and weak for some lots at quotations, but held higher on large quantities, with intimations that foreign orders were off. Closing prices were: Prime crude, in barrels, 33½c; prime summer yellow 36@36½c; off summer yellow nominal; butter grades 38@39c, nominal; prime winter yellow 39c; prime white 39c; prime meal $25 00. Rice steady. Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; No 7 invoice 8¾c, nominal; No. 7 jobbing 8¾c; mild quiet; Cordova 9¼c. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3 13 16c; centrifugal 4 5 16c; refined unsettled.

CHICAGO, March 8.—Under the inspiration of cash wheat, strength at Liverpool and New York, wheat futures on the Board of Trade were active and strong, May closing 2c. over yesterday. May corn closed ½c. up, helped by a good cash demand, and May oats a shade higher. The provisions market closed strong; May pork 17½@20c., May lard 5@7½c. and May ribs 7½@10c. improved.

CHICAGO, March 8.—Cash quotations: Flour steady. Wheat—No. 3 spring 63¾@65c; No. 2 red 68@69c. Corn—No. 2, 34¼c. Oats—No. 2 23¾@23¾c; No. 2 white 26½c; No. 3 white 25¾@26c. Pork, per barrel, $9 85@10 80 Lard, per 100 lbs, $5 72½@5 85. Short rib sides, loose, $5 75@6 05 Dry salted shoulders, $6 25@6 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 00@6 10. Whiskey—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $



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POLLING PLACES.

Primary Election.

The following polling places have been selected by the Democratic Executive Committee for the Primary Election to be held Thursday, March 22nd, 1900.

First Ward—Genaust's Store.
Second Ward—Old Court House.
Third Ward—Giblem Lodge.
Fourth Ward—Worth's Ice Depot, Dock street.
Fifth Ward—Fifth Ward Hook and Ladder House
Cape Fear Township—Blossom's Store.
Harnett Township—Township House.
Delgado Mills (Harnett Township)—Delgado Mills Store.
Masonboro Township—Township House.
Federal Point Township—Biddle's Store.

W. A. WRIGHT,
Secretary.

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MY LADY.

Great clouds that float above,
And o'er the still sky move,
A-whispering of love—
Ye are not half so white
As the dear lady of my heart's delight.

Lilies that chastely blow,
Though fairer ye could grow,
With her sweet soul of snow,
Hope ye not to compare,
For she beyond your best desire is fair.

O shower of white moonlight!
That glimmers through the night
A-making ocean bright;
More radiant is the beam
My lady sheds upon life's darkened stream.

Snowflakes that softly fall,
A-veiling kindly all
Earth's bareness with pure pall,
With her ye may not vie
In whom God hath embodied chastity.

—E. G. in St. Paul's.

Spoiled by Office.

He Kept Up the Dignity of Sheriff, but Got Into Debt.

"My wife, she don't think I'd orter be a sheriff."

Hearing the unfamiliar, high pitched, piping voice, Mrs. Charles peered through the panels of the Japanese screen that concealed her desk and chair in the bay window alcove of her husband's office and saw a tall, lean, sunburned young man, with one brawny shoulder braced awkwardly against the casing of the outer door as he looked down in awestruck admiration at the lawyer whose pen was rapidly filling in the various counts of complaint in a writ.

"Ah! How is that?"

"She says I'd better stick to farmin. She says I shall lose more in the long run than I shall make, but anybody hadn't always orter be on the make, hed they? And there has to be sheriffs."

"Certainly, and the citizens of a county should cheerfully serve their turn in filling the offices prescribed by law. There should be no vulgar scramble for office nor a shirking of responsibility."

"Jes' so. I must remember that to tell Mari. It may reconcile her to havin me gone some er the time."

"Your legitimate duties will not often take you from the farm, and I fancy you are too well settled to be led astray by bad company or to go idling about to magnify your office."

"Waal, I guess not. I've allus stuck ter hum pretty close, and I don't know as I shall like sheriffin at all. You'll hev ter tell me what ter do. I don't know no more how to sarve a writ than that lettle stump tail dog over there do."

The little animal, recognizing the word dog, wagged his short tail, and the young farmer, laughing a little, gave his attention as the man of law unfolded the document, explained it and gave explicit directions to the newly made officer.

"Who is he?" came from a voice in the alcove as soon as the door was closed.

"Stephen Staples," was the reply. "You know his farm, over in Staples' hollow."

"Where we called for a drink of milk once when we were driving? His wife is one of the old fashioned homespun kind, a staple of the community, you told her that day, and her voice sounds like distant thunder."

"Jes' so," laughed Squire Charles in comical imitation of his client, and the matter was dropped for that time.

At intervals the sheriff came to the office or the lawyer mentioned seeing him here and there.

"Steve Staples can't be doing much farming," he would say. "I am afraid a poor sheriff is spoiling a good farmer."

"Staples has a new suit. I hardly knew him when I met him in the city today. He evidently enjoys his little journeys in the world."

Next it was, "Staples is wearing tan colored shoes," and later at court time: "Staples is sporting a high hat and a cane. He strikes an attitude like Judge Coleman, and the uninitiated might take him for a member of the legal profession."

"I wonder what his wife thinks of it?" remarked Mrs. Charles.

The question was answered by that good woman in person several months later. She came into the office with her husband early one midsummer morning. They both looked neat and businesslike in gingham and denim, but it was Staples who piped excusingly: "Come in a hurry; didn't fix up."

"The clothes he wore before he took up sheriffin are good enough to wear when he rides with me," said his wife in low, heavy ground tones. "They are as good as he can afford, and, best of all, they are paid for. The things he had to mortgage the farm to buy I don't take no stock in myself—I don't."

"Has it come to that?" asked Squire Charles in surprise.

"Jes' so," piped Staples. "I'll tell you how 'twas. We've come to get the papers made."

"Who are you going to mortgage it to?" asked the lawyer to gain time, for he would not for the world have had his wife miss hearing the story.

"Oh, Mrs. Staples here—she's got money!"

"Yes, I've got money, but he won't git it to sheriff around on unless I have security."

"That is all proper," said the man of law. "Oh, here's my wife! You'd be pleased to meet Mrs. Staples again, my dear. Now let us hear about these perplexities."

"Waal, 'twas this way," said the farmer, who had left his chair and braced his shoulder against the door frame in the old way, where he could look down upon the desk: "All along there has seemed to be a good many things to call me away from home."

"He made up arrants!" put in his wife in her low, heavy voice.

"Waal, I didn't go no more than the other fellers I was getting acquainted with all roundabout. I didn't wanter be different from them."

"You'd always been different from 'em in the way that you had owned your farm an had money in the bank an staid ter hum an minded your own business while they was a-livin on their wits or their credit."

"Well, I never'd hed my fling, as you might say, an when I went a-sheriffin I got acquainted, an there ain't no gittin away from it. I did buy new clothes an a new hat an a new hoss an buggy an all the fixin's."

"The fixin's was a gold watch an chain an a gold ring, jest as true as you live, an kid gloves—drivin gloves he called 'em—an he driv' in 'em no doubt, fur he rid an he rid, carryin them fellers he hed got in with around. He went off with 'em to a politics convention a year ago an left the hay all down. A rain blew up—I told him I felt in my bones that 'twas comin—an it rained, an it rained, an when he got home the hay was spiled. He got it in, but 'twas musty, an the critters wouldn't eat it, an cum winter he hed ter buy hay. He was so ashamed he wouldn't buy it around hum, for never before since the Lord set 'em apart into families did a Staples ever buy hay. So he drove 12 miles to the city an got baled hay and brought it hum in ther night an hid it in the haymow an fed it out to the cows in the barn. Waal, come spring there was dunnin letters comin in every day, for not only hed he spent all he had laid by in the bank, but he'd got trusted besides. After awhile a city man he owed for his black beetle winged tailcoat an his high silk hat come dunnin an said he'd take up with a cow for family use, an what did he do but up and sell him Betty, the best cow in the barn! I tell you, that struck me spunky, but I didn't say nothin or not so very much."

"Didn't say very much?" echoed poor Staples, bracing his shoulder anew. "'Twan't nothin but kersheriff, kersheriff, kersheriff, from mornin till night."

"Waal, you came near being kersheriffed yourself when that man came after you that driv' off Bet to pay for a buzz beetle tailed coat, razor toed yaller shoes, a cane an a plug hat. Why, he even had his 'linen,' he called it, done up at a laundry!"

"He did make rapid progress," laughed the lawyer.

"Progress! I thought so when them men came an said Bet had got tu-berco-lo-sis. I said I didn't know what kind of tubers they had been givin her. She hadn't had nothin on the farm but potatoes an carrots, an they agreed with her well enough. Then he said we must have the herd inoculated, an I said we'd all been vaccinated, an I guessed that would do for the cows an all. So we jawed till Staples dressed up an hitched up an drove off with them. Day an night he was gone for two or three weeks, an I thought I should hev a-went crazy. Farm work sufferin, old Betty a-dyin, an I said she should be brought home. So they loaded her on to a drag an brought her back one night an put her on some clean straw in the sheep shed, so the other critters shouldn't ketch it.

"I went out to see her an didn't believe in any of their newfangled talk. 'She's pizened or else she's a-swallowed something,' I said, an they kept up their talk about prosecutin us for sellin a cow that hadn't been tested, an I said we'd been a-testin her milk an cream for years, but all the talk didn't save the cow. She died.

"Then I set up that she should be cut open, an one o' them men said, as pompous as a big dictionary: 'Very well. We'll have a post mortem examination, my good woman.' I said I didn't feel jest then as if I was anybody's very good woman, but I wanted that cow cut open, post mortem or rail mortem, it didn't matter to me. She never was unruly. An one of the men said, kinder laughin, 'We will proceed with the autopsy,' an I said I didn't care what kind of a Topsy they proceeded with, she was black enough to be a Topsy or a Dinah. I knew what they meant, but I didn't mean to let them know it. So they went on with the examination, an what do you think they found but a piece of Canadian wire a foot long. That poor old critter, starvin on baled hay, had chanked down an swallowed that wire, an it had tangled around an punched through her internal machinery tryin to digest itself till it had twisted poor old Betty's heart all up so it couldn't beat no longer."

"Well, then they cannot prosecute you for keeping an infected herd?"

"No, but the Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals might for keepin milk cows on copper wire. But now they threaten to prosecute for damages and veterinaries an experts an so on. So now if you will make the papers givin me a deed of the farm I'll give him money to pay up an settle up all these ker sheriffin bills, but this has got to end it."

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"Fees!" echoed the woman contemptuously, and the man added humbly as the lawyer took up his pen:

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"That little stub tailed dog is doin the same," growled the woman; "he's got a ribbon tied round his neck."

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Total	$656,788.88

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DAILY 6.50 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.30 P. M., Warsaw 8.53 P. M., Goldsboro 9.37 P. M., Wilson 10.30 P. M., †Tarboro 7.04 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.11 P. M. Weldon 1.04 A. M., †Norfolk 10.35 A. M., Petersburg 2.37 A. M., Richmond 6.28 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.20 A. M., Philadelphia 10.32 A. M. New York 1.08 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday. 2.35 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 2.45 P. M. — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.56 P. M., Chadbourn 5.28 P. M. Marion 6.34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M. Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.30 P. M. Denmark 6.19 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M. Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M. Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.56 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 6.05 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M. — No. 53—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.05 P.M., leaves Fayetteville 12.25 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.00 P. M., New York *9.30 P. M., Philadelphia 12.2) A. M., Baltimore 2.55 A. M. Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 8.05 A. M., Petersburg 9.45 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.58 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.30 P. M., Warsaw 4.21 P. M., Magnolia 4.35 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.00 A. M., Philadelphia 11.38 A. M., Baltimore 1.46 P. M., Washington 3.07 P. M., Richmond 6.48 P. M., Petersburg 7.21 P. M., †Norfolk 2.30 P. M., Weldon 8.28 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.20 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.56 A. M., Magnolia 8.09 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.25 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 3.15 P. M — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.07 P. M., Jacksonville 6.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.35 A. M., Atlanta 7.30 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 5.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M. Columbia 6.40 A. M., Sumter 8.10 P. M., Florence 9.35 A. M., Marion 10.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.35 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.08 A. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 6.40 A. M. — No. 52—Passenger—Leave Sanford 8.30 A. M. P. M.—arrive Fayetteville 8.41 P. M., leave Fayetteville 8.46 P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.15 A. M. Maxton 9.30 A. M., Red Springs 9.58 A. M. Hope Mills 10.43 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 10.55 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 6 40 P. M., Hope Mills 4.53 P. M., Red Springs 5.35 P. M. Maxton 6.15 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leave Rocky Mount 7.00 A. M., arrive Weldon 9 05 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 A. M., arrive Richmond 11.05 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.15 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.05 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.30 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11 00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.10 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.25 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C. 9.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 10.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 10 00 A. M. 5.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 11.10 A. M., 4.05 P. M., Spring Hope 10.40 A. M. 4.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.30 A. M., 5.25 P. M., Nashville 12.15 A. M.; 5.35 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 11.45 A. M., 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 2.00 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.02 A. M., arrive Latta 10.54 A. M., Dillon 10.36 A. M., Rowland 10.54 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.00 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.20 P. M., Latta 6.35 P. M., Pee Dee 7.00 P. M. daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.30 A. M. Chadbourn 11.50 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 2.13 P. M., Manning 5.41 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.17 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M. Manning 9.09 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 8.40 A. M. 7.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3.30 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M.; 5.55 P. M Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Hartsville 9.15 P. M, Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 12.38 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.55 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.30 P. M., Bennettsville 9.17 P. M., Gibson 10.00 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.30 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.0? A. M.

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Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.58 P. M., 10.05 P. M., arrive Selma 2.48 P. M. 11.10 P. M., Smithfield 3.09 P. M. Dunn 3.40 P. M. Fayetteville 4.36 P. M., 12.17 A. M., Rowland 6.00 P. M. returning leave Rowland 10.58 A. M. Fayetteville 12.05 P. M., 9.55 P. M., Dunn 1.04 P. M., Smithfield 1.43 P. M. Selma 1.50 P. M., 10.54 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M. 11.31 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.25 A. M., Creston 5.19 A. M., arrive Denmark 5.13 A. M. Returning, leave Denmark 4.17 P. M., Creston 5.15 P. M., Sumter 6.03 P. M. Daily.

Trains leave Creston 5.45 A. M., arrives Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10.00 A. M., arrives Creston 3.50P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Elliott 10.35 A. M., and arrive Lucknow 12.15 P. M. Returning, leave Luck now 2.10 P. M., arrive Elliotts 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

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Time Table No. 9.

To Take Effect Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1899, at 9 A. M.

GOING EAST		STATIONS.	GOING WEST.	
No. 2 Pass'g'r Trains			No. 4 Pass'g'r Trains	
Arrive	Leave		Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	5 40	Goldsboro.....	11 05	.....
.....	4 22	Kinston.....	10 13	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern.....	8 57	9 00
7 28	7 07	Morehead City.	7 22	7 27
P.M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.25 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 2 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 4.25 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 9, 1900.

CONTESTED ELECTION CASES.

Everything Points to Representative Bellamy Retaining His Seat—Other Matters in Washington.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.

The House, Thursday, will vote on the Aldrich-Robbins contested election case from Alabama. Representative Weeks, of Michigan, will call up the Wise-Young case, of Virginia, immediately after the Aldrich-Robbins case is disposed of, and try and force a vote before adjournment, but may meet with opposition from Republicans who wish first to dispose of the Overstreet Currency bill.

From the way the Republicans are pushing the different contested cases it is evident they are determined to unseat at once Robbins, of Alabama, Young and Rhea, of Virginia, Gilbert, of Kentucky, Crawford of North Carolina, and Catchings, of Mississippi. A great deal depends on the vote to-morrow on the Robbins case. From what can be learned from different members everything points to Representative Bellamy retaining his seat.

Representative Linney was about the House to-day denying that he refused to pair with Representative Kluttz when the latter's daughter was dangerously ill at Baltimore, but said that he had been misquoted in the matter. The adverse comment on the affair, coming from all sides, evidently touched the "Bull" in the right spot.

Wednesday was the first time in nearly a month that the entire North Carolina delegation were present in the House.

Senator Butler is now seen daily seated with Senator Pritchard and other Republican Senators and evidently seems to be in their confidence. Every one about the Senate predicts that the Senator not only wants but will receive the Republican nomination for Governor of North Carolina.

BOERS NOT DISCOURAGED.

Spirit of the Fighting Men As to the Outcome Remains Unchanged--Dewit in Command at Modder River.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PRETORIA, March 5.—Secretary of State Reitz has issued war bulletins in which, after saying the government has no official tidings of the surrender of General Cronje but must take it as a fact, however painful, he adds:

"The government remains assured that the surrender will not discourage the burghers in their defence of their independence and standing as a nation. The struggle thus far has shown that the republics have vindicated themselves as an independent people This reverse will not stagger us. In the struggle for our cherished rights our belief remains that whatever happens the Lord still reigns.

"Owing to the invasion of the Free State by a large force of the enemy, and other circumstances, it became necessary to take up other positions, hence the burghers in Natal have retired to Biggarsberg. All the commandoes have reached there safely, except a few who retired in the direction of Van Reenen's Pass. Thus Ladysmith and Kimberley are no more besieged. In retiring, the enemy was time after time driven back, so that our laagers were not cut off. In these fights a few men were killed or wounded, and the enemy lost heavily.

"In spite of all reports, the spirit of the fighting men as to the outcome remains unchanged. Among the commandoes in Natal the burghers are full of courage.

"General Dewit now commands all the commandoes at the Modder river.

"The President started yesterday evening for Bloemfontein, to visit the laager of the Free State.

"It is understood that President Kruger's visit to Bloemfontein was to try to arrange a compromise of the differences between the Transvaalers and Free Staters."

Kruger Cheers Despondents.

PRETORIA, March 6.—A special dispatch from Blomfontein says that President Kruger addressing a crowd of people said:

"Although God is testing our people my personal opinion is that the limit of the test is nearly reached. If the people are sustained by faith in the time of adversity God will soon again turn the tide in our favor. If we have strong faith in God, He will surely deliver us. The God of deliverance of the olden time is the same God now,"

The speech of the venerable President brought tears to the eyes of men and women alike.

The Free State's National anthem was then sung.

The visit of President Kruger has done much good and has cheered the despondents.

President Kruger more recently has been visiting the commandoes south of Bloemfontein.

Fighting is proceeding at Mafeking. All the outside forts except one have been taken by the Boers. Much satisfaction is felt in all circles at the courtesies extended to General Cronje by the British.

TROOPS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Soldiers Who Have Seen Longest Service to Be Sent Back Home.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The War Department has taken the initial steps toward renovating the military forces in the Philippines by returning, in small detachments, the troops who have seen longest service there and replacing them by recruits raised in this country. The movement began last week, when instructions were sent to General Otis to pick out a battalion from each of the three regiments which had been longest in the Philippines, namely the 14th, 18th, and 23rd infantry, and return them to the United States. The men picked out for return will be those whose terms of enlistment are about to expire, or those in broken health.

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The Bill Championed by Senator Foraker and Opposed by Senator Pettus.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE.

Alabama Contested Election Case—Robbins, Democrat, Unseated—Case of Wise vs. Young, from Virginia, Taken Up—Financial Bill.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Formal discussion of the Porto Rican tariff and civil government bill began in the Senate to-day and continued uninterruptedly for four hours and a half. The principal speakers were Senator Foraker, Republican, Ohio, in charge of the measure, and Senator Pettus, Alabama, but lively colloquies occurred, in which other Senators were participants.

Senator Foraker occupied the floor during most of the session. He explained the measure in detail and gave the reasons why the committee had determined upon the levying of a tariff upon Porto Rican products. In his opinion it was impossible for a direct tax to be levied upon the people of the island to support a local government, because of their present destitute condition. The committee, he said, had conceived the idea of placing a small tariff on Porto Rican products in order to raise a sum sufficient, with the sum otherwise raised, to give the people of the island not only a good government, but also to build school houses and to make necessary public improvements. Then, too, it was necessary that the question of the extension of the constitution over insular possession should be determined by the Supreme Court, and, by the very provisions of the bill, it would be inevitable that the Supreme Court should pass upon that question. Porto Rico and the Philippines, he said, were on the same basis so that the court's decision would determine our right to levy a tariff on products of the Eastern archipelago.

Senator Mason, Illinois moved to discharge the Committee on Foreign Relations from further consideration of his resolution introduced December 6th last, expressing sympathy for the Boers. Under rules the motion went over until to morrow.

Senator Pettus, Alabama, then addressed the Senate on the Porto Rico bill. He congratulated the President on the position he had taken in his last annual message favoring free trade between the United States and Porto Rico. The public press is now trying to make us believe, he said, that the Secretary of War is the author of the pending bill and that the President has acceded to the provisions of the measure.

"For one," declared Senator Pettus, "I refuse to believe this charge against the President. Though he may desire re election, he was a brave soldier and is an able and generous man. For him it is not everything in life to be re elected to the presidency. He has acted for the common good of all the people. If he approves your bill, then I may believe any vile story against a good man."

Senator Pettus maintained that the policy of the bill was bad, aside from the question of law. "It is illegal," he declared, "and is hardly decent."

House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The House to-day unseated Gaston A. Robbins, a Democrat, from the Fourth Alabama district, and seated in his stead Wm. F. Aldrich, a Republican, who has been three times a contestant from the same district on the ground of fraud, and who is now given his seat for the third time by a Republican House. The vote was a strict party one.

This case out of the way, a new rule was brought in to set aside the sessions of the second and fourth Fridays of the month for pension legislation. The rule limited debate on each bill to ten minutes on a side, but this provision was withdrawn upon the assurance of Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, that his side of the House would not indulge in filibustering. During the debate on the rule there was quite a lively row between Mr. Mahon, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Talbert, of South Carolina.

Before adjourning the House took up the contested election case of Wise vs. Young, from the Second Virginia district, Mr. Weeks, Michigan, giving notice that he would ask a vote on it at 2 o'clock Monday.

Mr. Overstreet, Indiana, in charge of the conference report on the Financial bill, gave notice that he would call up the report next Tuesday. By unanimous concent it was agreed that the vote on the report should be taken at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon.

The debate upon the Aldrich vs. Robbins case was then resumed. Mr. Hamilton, Michigan, and Mr. Mann, Illinois, spoke for the contestant, and Mr. Bartlett, Georgia, for the sitting member. At 2 30 the vote was taken—first upon the minority resolutions declaring Mr. Robbins entitled to retain his seat. The substitute resolutions were defeated—134 to 138—by a strict party vote. The majority resolutions declaring Mr. Aldrich, the contestant, entitled to his seat, were then adopted —142 to 135. There was no demonstration when the result was announced.

Mr. Aldrich then came forward to the bar of the House escorted by Mr. Mann and took the prescribed oath.

Mr. Dalzell, Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Rules, then presented the special rule regarding pension sessions.

Mr. Richardson protested against the time limit fixed in the rule which he said was contrary to all precedent.

Mr. Dalzell said the rule, as reported, was merely a copy of the rule now in force at Friday night sessions.

Mr. Richardson declared that the other side, if it lived up to its professions of friendship for the old soldier, could bring a quorum to the House on Friday evenings. He assured the majority that there would be no filibustering on his side of the House against pension bills.

Mr. Mahon, of Pennsylvania, complained that no time was given for the consideration of claims and pensions which were regularly in order on Fridays. He attacked Mr. Talbert, of South Carolina, who had blocked pension legislation on Friday nights by demanding the presence of a quorum. He acquitted the other side of sympathy with him.

Mr. Mahon's attack led to hot words between him and Mr. Talbert. In the course of his remarks Mr. Mahon said he would like to have an opportunity to turn Mr. Talbert from the House. This aroused Mr. Talbert's ire and the confusion became so great that the Speaker threatened to order the sergeant-at-arms to compel Mr. Talbert to take his seat.

Mr. Talbert replied to Mr. Mahon, asserting that the latter's conduct was unbecoming a gentleman on the floor. He said the member from Pennsylvania presented a remarkable spectacle when he expressed the hope that some one, Populist or Republican, should contest his (Talbert's) seat in order that he could vote to throw him out without reason or justice, as the gentleman from Alabama had been thrown out a few minutes ago. (Democratic applause.)

Proceeding, Mr. Talbert denounced the Republicans as hypocrites and pretended friends of the old soldiers and reiterated his intention of insisting upon the presence of a quorum for the consideration of pension bills whether the sessions were held at night or in the day time.

Mr. Grosvenor, Ohio, poked fun at Mr. Talbert for the "constitutional position" he now assumed, recalling the fact that he had not insisted upon a quorum in the Fifty fifth Congress. "His conscience," said he, "had not then swelled to its present proportions." Seriously he explained briefly that the purpose of the rule was to facilitate pension as well as claim legislation.

Mr. Dalzell did not desire to impute to the other side a disposition to block pension legislation except in the case of the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. Talbert).

On Mr. Richardson's assurance that there would be no filibustering on his side of the House, Mr. Dalzell withdrew the portion of the resolution fixing the limitation of debate. The rule was then adopted without division.

Mr. Weeks, Michigan, then called up the Wise Young contested election case from the Second Virginia district. Efforts to reach an agreement as to a final vote on the case failed and Mr. Weeks gave notice that he would demand the previous question at 2 o'clock on Monday. Mr. Weeks then opened his argument for the contestant.

At 5 P. M. the House adjourned.

A SENSATIONAL SCANDAL.

Handsome Young Woman Arrested in Columbia, S. C., Charged With Poisoning Her Husband.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 8.—Mrs. Belle Graddick, a handsome young woman, is in jail here charged with poisoning her husband, J. W. Graddick, a baker, who died February 10th. Suspicious circumstances caused Coroner Green to order the arrest of his widow and also Eldridge Dawkins, who had been hanging around the woman. The pair were subsequently released on some technicality and it was thought that the affair had ended, but Coroner Green and Police Officer Black persisted in their investigation. The contents of Graddick's stomach were analyzed. Last night the woman was remanded to jail, as the chemist, Dr. O. Y. Owings, testified that Graddick's stomach contained enough arsenic to cause death.

Negro cooks and servants testified that while Graddick was sick, supposedly with grip, his wife administered some drug in his coffee, avowedly to break him of the liquor and cigarette habit. There had been quarrels between the Graddicks, and the woman was heard to say that she would give $50 for something to put her husband to sleep and keep him so.

The bottle was found under the hearthstone and contained an alkaline solution of arsenic. The case has produced a sensation here this morning. Dawkins was not re arrested.

Graddick bore a good reputation, but recently lost a position on account of his wife, who has the reputation of being a virago. Mrs. Graddick's father is a boiler-maker in the Southern Rail road shops and well esteemed.

Dawkins enlisted in the Spanish war and has done nothing since.

This is the most sensational scandal in this city for years.

SITUATION AT MAFEKING.

Garrison Still Holding Out—Great Suffering--Many Children Dying--Hospitals Crowded—Natives' Bad Plight.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MAFEKING, February 19.—Horse meat now composes a considerable part of our rations. There is little grumbling. The first pinch of the siege is over and the town has settled grimly to stick it out. What may be typhoid malaria has broken out in the women's laager, and dysentery, due to the absence of vegetables, is rife among the garrison. We are thrown upon our resources. Such luxuries as we had are exhausted or have been commandeered for the hospitals, which are filled to overflowing. The children's grave yard, close to the women's laager, grows weekly as the young lives are cut short prematurely by shell and fever. We look with hope deferred for relief.

The cheerfulness which was characteristic of the early days of the siege has almost deserted us, the men preferring to remain at their posts rather than move about and work up an appetite which cannot be satisfied. The natives are in the worst plight. Those who are unable to obtain work are allowed a small handful of meal daily. Many braving the danger wander about the town with gaunt and hungry faces in search of work which entitles them to an extra ration of meat. If they find work they are generally too weak to perform it.

From their advanced posts the Boers rake the streets and the market square. It is impossible to dodge their bullets. We have taken remarkable precautions, however, and the casualties, though heavy, are not what they might have been had less able men been at the head of affairs.

Two hundred and ninety-two persons have been killed, wounded or died of disease. The garrison is so small that it would be criminal to make its weakness public, but there is never so much as a whisper. If no one has suggested the possibility of surrender it is because we do not mean to get beaten and we are cheerfully enduring the hardships of to day rather than make a surrender in any degree possible to morrow.

NAVAL MILITIA CRUISE.

Will Commence This Year April 23d—Seven Days for Each State.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—It was announced at the Navy Department today that the naval militia annual cruise will commence this year at New Orleans on April 23, and will extend up the coast, for the different States, until some time in October, giving each State not less than seven days actual practice at sea, under similar conditions as last year.

The States in their order will be Louisiana, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Maine.

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BOERS AGAIN PUSHED BACK.

Another Flanking Movement by the British Forces Them to Retreat.

GEN. FRENCH IN PURSUIT.

British Estimate the Boer Troops at Fourteen Thousand—They Made a Stubborn Defence—Saved All Wagons and Supplies.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, March 9, 4:15 A. M.—The Boers appear to have made no stand whatever, except while in retreat they twice repulsed General French's cavalry with rifle fire. The enemy probably got away with their entire force. General French is still following them toward Bloemfontein.

The evacuation of the northern districts of Cape Colony is now complete. The British are in possession of the railroad crossings.

Colonel Baden-Powell at Mafeking seems to be in great need of outside help; otherwise he would not allow the correspondents to send out information respecting the distress of the garrison.

A re-adjustment of some of the higher commands is taking place. General White is to go to Stormberg to take supreme command of General Gatacre's division and the tenth division, now in process of formation, which will be under the immediate command of General Hunter, Sir George White's chief of staff.

Gen. Roberts' Movements.

OSFONTEIN, March 7.—Lord Roberts' movement to-day again thoroughly surprised, outwitted and outmanoeuvred the Boers, who fled almost without firing a shot. The plan of battle was as follows: General Colville's division extended along the north bank, General Tucker held the center reserve, and the Guards brigade had the center advanced. General Kelly Kenny's division went forward to make a huge flanking movement on the Boer left, following General French, who was instructed to move southeast until opposite the Boer flank, and then to swing around the rear.

Every movement was admirably executed and entirely successful. The Boers were surprised as was evident from the state of the deserted camps. Twice the British cavalry were almost in a position to charge but they admit that they were foiled by the manoeuvering of the Boers. When last seen, General French was pursuing the enemy vigorously. He was between them and Bloemfontein, about eleven miles from the right wing.

Boers in Full Flight.

General Colville merely demonstrated against a high mountain occupied by the Transvaal troops who are now fleeing, in consequence of the flight of the Free Staters south of the river. It is impossible at present to give the Boer numbers, but it is estimated that they reach 14,000, all of whom are now in flight.

The Ninth Lancers attempted to get close to the Boers' right, with the object of charging, but the Boers came out in great force and the Lancers were compelled to retire. A battery was then sent forward to hold the enemy in check, while the Grahamstown volunteers and a company of mounted infantry, supported by another battery, engaged the Boers on their right flank.

The Boers fired shell, falling short, however, and they made a stubborn defence on the kopje on our right, enfilading the battery and killing eighteen of the battery horses. The mounted infantry gradually repelled the Boers and the battery then took a position and expelled them from their laager in confusion.

The Boers held a strong position on the north bank of the river, but the flight from the southern bank compelled them to retreat. They showed great adroitness in getting away the wagons and displayed a bold front while the rest of the force was busy in spanning.

General French's division consisted of three brigades of cavalry, two of mounted infantry and seven horse batteries.

LADYSMITH, March 8.—The Boers are entrenching at Biggarsburg. The scouts report that all the Natal Dutch farmers have fled from the surrounding country.

Rumors of Peace Overtures.

LONDON, March 8.—The *Daily News* makes the following editorial announcement:

"It was rumored in London yesterday—and we have some reason for believing the rumor to be correct—that the two Republics made informal and unofficial overtures of peace on the preceding day.

"Unfortunately, the conditions suggested were of such a character as to preclude the possibility of leading to any result. Terms which might have been gladly accepted before the war, in order to avert it, are impossible after the war, with all the sacrifices it has entailed."

A THEATRE FIRE.

The Historical Play House of Paris Destroyed—Only One Life Lost—A Beautiful Young Actress.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PARIS, March 8, 11 P. M.—The theatre Francias, the historical play house of Paris and the home of the world-famed Comedie Francaise, is to-night a mass of smoking ruins. Only the mere outside shell remains standing. The dome has collapsed and the interior is an utter wreck. The magnificient ceiling, bearing the allegorical painting by Mazerolle, and other very valuable works of art, together with a portion of the invaluable library of manuscripts, perished in the flames. Practically all the sculpture, however, was saved.

The only victim of the fire, so far as is known, was Mlle Henriet, a beautiful young actress, 19 years of age. She came of a theatrical family and her mother has been filling an important role at the Theatre Antoine. It was, however, only a matter of an hour that saved Paris a repetition of the Opera Comique catastrophe, as a crowd of women and children had already gathered at the doors awaiting the opening of the matinee when the alarm was raised, and few people would have escaped had the performance begun.

FORTY BUILDINGS BURNED.

Fire at the Town of Lead, S. D.—Loss Estimated at $500,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LEAD, S. D., March 8.—Fire which broke out this morning in the Balkenberg saloon consumed forty buildings before it was extinguished, and caused a loss which is estimated at $500,000. The Deadwood fire department was called for and responded. In addition to the combined fire departments it was found necessary to blow up buildings in the path of the fire with dynamite in order to stop its spread.

COTTON CROP STATEMENT.

The Total in Sight at Close of February 7,693,018 Bales—A Decrease of 1,754,524 Bales.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, March 8.—Secretary Hester's analysis of the cotton movement for the six months of the season to the close of February inclusive, shows that compared with the crop movement last year, Texas, including the Indian Territory, has brought into sight this season 874,007 bales less, while other Gulf States, which include Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and Oklahoma, have marketed 349,000 less, and the group of Atlantic States, which includes North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Virginia, show a decrease of 632,000, making the decrease in the total of crop marketed 1,755,000 bales.

The amounts brought into sight by groups of States for the six months of this season is as follows:

Texas and Indian Territory 2,305,727 bales, a decline under the same time last year of 874,007, and year before last of 448,545.

Other Gulf States, 2,458,833, a decline under last year of 248,787 and year before last of 725 220.

Atlantic States, 2,928,458, a decrease under last year of 631,680, and year before last of 711,476.

Total crop in sight at close of February 7,693.018, a decrease under last year of 1,754.524.

CHICAGO RACE TROUBLE.

Serious Riot—One Man Shot Fatally—Six Others Severely Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, March 8.—Labor troubles culminated in a riot at Thirty-sixth and Wallace streets this evening. One man was shot and probably fatally wounded and six others were injured, one of them severely. William Schrindler was shot in the breast and seriously wounded by Jos. Walsh and will die. Joseph Walsh, foreman of the Link Belt Machinery Company, had his nose broken and is severely bruised, and H. K. McLain, superintendent of the same company, was beaten about the head and body. Strikers have followed Walsh and McLain every night, threatening to kill them. To night somebody threw a club at Walsh, striking him in the back of the head. He accused Schrindler who, however, was an on-looker, and a fight ensued. Believing his life in danger, Walsh shot Schrindler. Forty strikers then attacked the party. Walsh was arrested.

WARM WIRELETS.

The machinists and boiler-makers in the F. C. and P. R R. shops, Fernandina, Fla., have quit work. They demanded 20 per cent. increase in wages, which the railroad refused to pay.

The Norwegian steamship Franklin, of the Orr and Laubenheimer line, of Mobile, wrecked on Chinchora banks, about one hundred miles north of Belize, Honduras. No lives were lost.

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